

North Cumberland Fire District

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2005

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) was called to order at

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2005, by Chairman Edward LeBlanc.

Present: Absent:

Edward LeBlanc, Chairman Brian Campbell

Paul Lindquist

Martin Klara

Matthew Gannon

Robert Audette

John Aharonian

Others Present:

Rene Gendreau, Chief

Fay Dakake, Clerk

Geraldine Dupont, Tax Collector

Daniel Hamel, Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Klara, to approve the Clerk's Report of July 20, 2005 as written. All in favor. So voted.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hamel's report included:

- o Financial Summary July, 2005**
- o Tax Collections July 31, 2005**
- o Profit and Loss Statement July, 2005**
- o Balance sheet as of July 31, 2005**

Treasurer Hamel announced that he had not completed the last month's (June's) summary. In July, hydrant fees of \$81,600. were paid out of this year's budget.

A payment to the pension fund was made for firefighters Paquin and Garon to retirement contribution receivable to get them paid up to date. The Chief explained that each week PAYCHECK will be taking a deduction from Paquin and Garon's paycheck and sending a check to the District. Each month the Chief will make a deposit into the retirement fund to repay the District. This will continue 6 months for Firefighter Garon and 1½ years for Firefighter Paquin.

A motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Audette, to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor. So voted.

C. Tax Collector's Report

Tax Collector Geraldine Dupont's report shows taxes collected during the month of July, 2005 and through July 30, 2005.

A motion was made by Mr. Audette, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to accept the Tax Collector's Report. All in favor. So voted.

D. Chief's Report and Monthly Expenditures

Chief Gendreau submitted a Monthly Report for July, 2005 and an Expenditures Report dated August 17, 2005.

Chief Gendreau pointed out:

- o 27% increase in calls from the previous year. The majority are EMS calls and automobile accidents. Many EMS calls were heat-related.**
- o Cumberland Hill District will cover NCFD on August 21 to allow personnel to attend the funeral of Firefighter Mark Paquin's father.**
- o The jeep broke down but will be repaired by Hamel's, at the expense of Anderson's, who installed the transmission in June.**

Two items were added to the expenses.

- 6260 uniform disbursement \$40.50**
- Smoke detector charge of \$250.00 for replacement stickers to locate children's rooms. Tot Finder stickers on outside windows are being replaced with reflective stickers to be placed inside the house at the**

bottom of the child's door to enable firefighters to identify children's room while crawling through. A press release will be published and stickers will be available free of charge to residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Klara, seconded by Mr. Audette, to accept the Chief's Report and the Monthly Expenditures. All in favor. So voted.

E. Committee Reports

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes

No comment.

Personnel, Labor Relations

No comment.

Nominations

Mr. Gannon would like to move to Executive Session at the proper time.

Buildings, Grounds, Apparatus, Computer

Chief Gendreau announced that cross support for the post on the back deck had been added for extra support at the suggestion of Mr.

Aharonian.

Public Relations

Chief Gendreau mentioned that the newspapers had been notified of the swearing-in ceremonies to be held on Saturday, August 26, 2005.

Chairman LeBlanc acknowledged the Chief's Letter to the Editor regarding taxes.

Insurance

No comment.

F. Old Business

Child Care Deduction Administrative Fees

Chief Gendreau stated that, to date, he has not received any documentation. Chairman LeBlanc stated it would be put back on the agenda when the Board receives something in writing.

G. New Business

Committee Assignments

Chairman LeBlanc distributed committee assignments to the board members. Mr. Audette requested that he be notified and be able to sit in on the personnel committee meetings. Mr. Lindquist agreed.

Swearing in Ceremonies

Chief Gendreau announced that the swearing-in ceremonies for the promotion of Lt. Pratt to the position of Deputy Chief, Pvt. Mitchell, Jr. to the position of Lieutenant and Firefighter Garon to his appointment will be held Saturday, August 26, 2005 at the NCFD station. A reception will follow at the Enrico Caruso Club, Lincoln, RI.

Chairman LeBlanc encouraged all board members to attend.

Business Plan

Chairman LeBlanc distributed Business Objectives for FY 2006. His intention is to meet with the committee chairs to move on some of the various items.

(A letter is received (7:25pm) by messenger from Lt. Mitchell regarding child care. Due to its late arrival, not addressed at this meeting but will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting, according to Chairman LeBlanc.)

New Air Conditioner

Chairman LeBlanc asked the Chief if there were funds available for a new air conditioner for the Tax Collector's Office. Chief Gendreau agreed to look into the situation considering the current air conditioner is built-in and the office has no window.

Board member Klara is dismissed from the meeting at 7:25 pm.

H. Public Comment

No comment.

Executive Session

Motion is made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Rhode Island Law 42-46-5, sub-section 5. All in favor. So voted.

Return to Public Meeting

Motion is made by Mr. Gannon to increase personnel salaries as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mr. Lindquist. All in favor. So voted.

I. Tax Abatement

Chairman LeBlanc announced that he contacted the two men who had questioned tax abatements for seniors at the June 15, 2005, annual meeting. Chairman LeBlanc has learned that at least two of the other districts grant exemptions to their senior citizens. Chairman LeBlanc stated that as a starting point he would ask tax collector Dupont to request from the town tax collector a list of residents in the NCFD to whom they grant exemptions.

Adjournment

Motion is made by Mr. Gannon to adjourn the meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District at 8:09 pm, seconded by Mr. Audette. All in favor. So voted.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Dakake, Clerk _____

Approved by: Edward LeBlanc _____
Chairman